

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
SUBJECT: VISIT OF VOA RUSSIAN SERVICE CHIEF FRANZUSOFF

1. DIPLOMATIC AGENCY (YEGOROV) CALLED ABPAO APRIL 11 TO ADVISE THAT FRANZUSOFF WOULD NOT BE RECEIVED ANYWHERE, RPT ANYWHERE, IN LENINGRAD OWING TO FACT THAT VISIT IS PRIVATE AND HE IS GUEST OF EMBASSY. ABPAO HAVING ASCERTAINED THAT VETO APPLIED NOT ONLY TO THE ONE CALL FOR WHICH CONGEN HAD TURNED TO DIPAGENCY FOR HELP, BUT TO ALL VISITS CONTEMPLATED DURING FRANZUSOFF'S STAY HERE, INFORMED YEGOROV HE FAILED TO COMPREHEND WHY AUTHORITIES WOULD PASS UP OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO A MAN WHO WAS IN ANY CASE IN A POSITION TO INFLUENCE RUSSIAN PUBLIC OPINION.

2. ON APRIL 12 CONGEN NONETHELESS ATTEMPTED TO RESUSCITATE THOSE CALLS FOR WHICH DIPAGENCY "ASSISTANCE" HAD NOT BEEN REQUESTED. SIMULTANEOUSLY DPO ATTEMPTED REOPEN DIALOGUE WITH DIPAGENCY AT HIGHER LEVEL (BATURIN IN ABSENCE OF DIPAGENCY CHIEF YEFIMOV) ON BASIS THAT FRANZUSOFF OFFICIAL CONGEN GUEST.

3. CONGEN'S INDEPENDENT EFFORTS WITH RADIO-TV COMMITTEE, LENINGRADSKAYA PRAVDA, WRITERS AND ARTISTS UNIONS WERE ALL REBUFFED. ON APRIL 14 BATURIN INFORMED DPO BY PHONE  
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THAT LENINGRAD DIPLOMATIC AGENCY HAD REFERRED MATTER BACK TO MFA FOR RECONSIDERATION ON BASIS OUR APRIL 12 APPROACH BUT THAT MFA HAD SIMPLY RECONFIRMED INSTRUCTION THAT NO REPEAT NO OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS WOULD "BE POSSIBLE" IN LENINGRAD FOR FRANZUSOFF.

4. FRANZUSOFF LENINGRAD VISIT WILL CONSIST SOLELY OF

CULTURAL ORIENTATION, CONGEN CONSULTATION AND SOME UNOFFICIAL CONTACTS.

5. COMMENT: IT IS CLEAR THAT THE DIPLOMATIC AGENCY HAD ITS MARCHING ORDERS THAT FRANZUSOFF WAS TO BE GIVEN THE OFFICIAL COLD SHOULDER IN LENINGRAD, A POINT RECONFIRMED BY THE MFA OFFICIAL "NYET" AFTER WE HAD PREVAILED ON DIPLOMATIC AGENCY TO RECONSIDER. AT OFFICIAL RECEPTION LATER APRIL 14, BATURIN SHIED AWAY FROM MATTER BUT CONGENOFF USED OPPORTUNITY TO REITERATE OUR SENTIMENT THAT APPOINTMENT REFUSALS WERE MISTAKEN AND SHORTSIGHTED POLICY. RUECHERT

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